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1. DEPUTY CHIEF BORUNKOV OF PROTOCOL DIVISION OF MFA INFORMED EMBASSY MARCH 27 THAT THERE IS NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO BOAT TRAVEL ALONG THE MOSCOW-VOLGA CANAL FOR U.S. EMBASSY STAFF AFTER NEW REGULATIONS GO INTO EFFECT APRIL 5. HE POINTED TO NEED, HOWEVER, TO WAIT FOR ICE TO MELT. BORUNKOV RESPONDED OVER THE TELEPHONE TO OUR REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION (REFTEL A). WE DID NOT SPECIFICALLYRAISE QUESTION OF USING EMBASSYOWNED CRAFT ON THIS ROUTE.

2. IN ACCORD WITH REFTEL B, SUGGEST OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND BE OFFERED SOVIETS. AT TIME NOTE IS PRESENTED, U.S. SHOULD MAKE CLEAR ORALLY THE LINKAGE BETWEEN OCEAN CITY AND THE USE OF MOSCOW CANAL EITHER ON EMBASSY CRAFT OR SCHEDULED PASSENGER LINE. EMBASSY WILL SEEK TO TEST USE OF CANAL AS SOON AS PASSENGER TRAFFIC CONFIDENTIAL

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